

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Unofficial Minutes

The Chairman, Leonard Bertin, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Present:	L. Bertin, member	C. Buchanan, member
	A. Done, member	K. Gauri, member
	D. House, member	N. Johnson, member
	P. Manetta, member	D. Pietron, member
	N. Raheb, student rep	

Also
Present: M. Grusnick, staff
M. McGinnis, staff

Absent:	S. Burt, alternate	D. Kuschinsky, member
	J. Rodgers, member	J. Shah, alternate

ITEM B - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2003

Gauri made a motion that the Minutes of April 2, 2003 be approved. Supported by House. All voted in favor.

ITEM C - VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Liz Lamoste (248) 641-9139 a member of Project Lead at Troy High School. Lamoste stated that Project Lead is a community-based organization made up of teachers and students that help Troy Daze with programs such as the MS walk. They will help the Committee for Persons with Disabilities set up for the Disabilities Fair on Thursday night of Troy Daze.

ITEM D - NEW BUSINESS

Bertin stated that the Disabilities R and D Fair should be renamed a shorter name that would be easier to remember. Buchanan suggested the name "Ability Expo", since the word expo gives the feeling of something large. House made a motion to adopt "Ability Expo" for the name of the event on Thursday night of Troy Daze, Done seconded. All voted in favor.

Bertin will finalize the booth application form this month and names of all interested vendors should be given to him .

House recently visited Midtown Square Shopping Center, where she observed insufficient handicapped parking in front of the Michaels store and minimal handicap parking in some other areas.

House called Grand Swaka (Contractors of the shopping center) and Rick Kessler, City Commercial Plan Analyst, and discussed the handicapped parking at this shopping center.

Bertin made a motion that whereas there are several problem areas in existing developments and in an effort to avoid such problems in the future, this Committee recommends that City Council review and implement training for the Planning Commission to update knowledge as it pertains to ADA Parking and Barrier Free Design. Buchanan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ITEM E - REGULAR BUSINESS

ITEM F - OLD BUSINESS

In the April 2003 Minutes the Committee made a recommendation for criteria to identify a person with a disability for the purpose of receiving a discount on a golf cart at the Sylvan Glen Golf Course. In reviewing the section that " a doctors written diagnosis should be acceptable for obtaining the discount", it was decided that it should be revised to read " a doctors written diagnosis of a permanent disability would be acceptable for obtaining the discount" would be more acceptable.

Bertin stated that the City has hired Vickie Richardson for the position of Solid Waste Coordinator. She will be asked to attend the June meeting of this Committee to discuss the Home Chore Program.

Gauri was to ask Cindy Stewart if she could accommodate the Video of the Michigan Youth Leadership Forum on the City Television Station. Stewart will preview the videotape, and asked if she would need permission from Lansing to show it.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Members to attend the City Council meetings in May and June are:

May 12, 2003	K. Gauri and L. Bertin
June 2, 2003	C. Buchanan

Bertin learned at the last City Council meeting that Lord and Taylor will be locating at Oakland Mall and will be adding more handicap parking. This Committee would be interested in assisting Lord and Taylor with any questions about parking and is willing to review their plans.

ITEM H - Adjourn

House made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Gauri seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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